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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH PROCESSING UNIT THAT CAN BE  
REMOVED FROM THE IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITHOUT  
REMOVING EXPOSING DEVICES

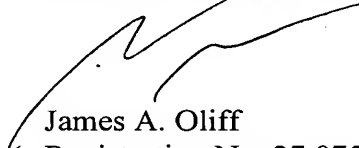
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